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HONGKONG FRIDAY, NOV. 30, 1923.

HOOTS THE IDEA!

Should St. Andrew's Day be abolished—wiped out, finally forgotten? The question is not as fatuous as it might at first seem. Nor is it as provocative as the Scot, the ardent, patriotic Scot, would doubtless declare it; for the arguments against St. Andrew's Day are also the arguments against St. George's Day. They are the arguments against all special national days—even the special national days of the Zulu and the Eskimo and the pigmy if these devout good people boast such patriotic occasions. With the Colony preparing to celebrate St. Andrew's Day this evening in traditional manner, these remarks must astonish the reader. But they need not. They are not as renegade as they seem. Anyone with moderate dialectical powers and the whim to argue can make out a plausible case for them. Almost it is too easy. Patron saint days foster patriotism; patriotism in turn raises national barriers. These again keep peoples apart, create distrust and make wars possible, nay probable. Patron saint days therefore conflict with the League of Nations and thwart the world brotherhood ideal that body stands for. Small enough these, some will say. But is it so

patron saint days, until men have lost the art of enjoying good cheer. And that day, if Hongkong's St. Andrew's Day celebrations are any criterion, will never come.

Fabry "....."
R.U.R. For God's sake give us a drink.

Improvements in time, but one long overdue, has studiously been ignored. We refer to the dangerous practice of allowing passengers to clamber over the rails of the ferry steamers once the gangways are up. It is surprising that no accidents have so far been recorded for the thing is dangerous. A thing like this would not be tolerated at home. Why here? Probably when someone gets an ankle crushed, or finds a watery grave, something will be done. Once the gangway is up the gate leading to it should be closed. It is a simple thing, effective, practical and praiseworthy.

A man's relations with women end in one of two ways: either wishing he knew more about them or wishing he knew less.

A friend is a person who is "for you," always, under any

suspicion. He never investigates you. When charges are made against you, he does not ask proof. He asks the accuser to clear out.

He likes you just as you are. He does not want to alter you.

Whatever kind of coat you are wearing suits him. Whether you have on a dress suit or a hickory shirt with no collar, he thinks it's fine.

He likes your moods, and enjoys your pessimism as much as your optimism.

He likes your success. And your failure endears you to him the more. He is better than a lover because he is never jealous.

He wants nothing from you, except that you be yourself.

He is the one being with whom you can feel safe. With him you can utter your heart, its badness and its goodness. You don't have to be careful.

A sense of humour keen enough to show a man his own absurdities as well as those of other people, will keep him from the commission of all sins, or nearly all, save those that are worth committing.

Sweet is the bed, All secret, and sweet is the morning was ne'er a guide housewife.

A' are guid lasses, but whaur do the ill wives come frae? War makes thieves and peace hangs them.

Ye come o' the M'Taks, but no o' the M'Gies.

The hecht o' nonsense is suppin' soor dook wi' a fork.

Poor folk seek meat for their stomachs and rich folk stomachs for their meat.

Rich wrangs nae man. Ill workers are aye guid on-lookers.

Gie your tongue mair holidays than your head.

Nobody's sweetheart's ugly. Naebody's got wi'out pains save dirt and lang nails.

It's the mou, that makes the coo. God send ye mair sense and mair siller.

They have need o' a canny cook that have only an egg to dinner. You are best when ye're asleepin. Be lang sick that ye may be sure hule.

You would be a sweet nut if you were well cracked.

"Daddy," Miss And then the Four-Year-Old Band Played. asked, "how long will it take to put the oracle on Mummy's new dress?"

"What on earth do you mean, child?" asked Father.

"Oh," replied the youngster, "Mummy told Mrs. Smith that she was going to ask you for a new dress, and that she supposed it would take a couple of hours to work the oracle."

NOTES UPON THE piano-tuner HIGH SEAS. who tuned the grand piano in the

the 16-16th-long scale. The electric fan which, when a stray zephyr blows in through the port-hole, makes a noise like a dentist's drill. The free Christian Science literature in the reading-room.

The pens in the writing-room. The red-haired girl in the green sweater. The boy who climbs into the lifeboat. The chief steward wearing the No. 102 collar.

The mysterious pipes that run along the stateroom ceilings. The discovery that one forgot to pack enough undergarments. The night watchman who raps on the door at 3.30 a.m. to deliver a wire-
less message reading "Borry missed

you. Bon voyage. The bartender who adds a dash of witch-hazel to cock-tails. The wilting flowers standing in ice-pitchers and spittoons in the hallways.

The fight in the steerage. The old lady who gets stewed and sends for the doctor. The news that the ship is in Long. 48deg., 41ft., 16in. W., Lat. 40deg., 29ft., 39in. N. The report that the star-board propeller has lost a blade.

HOME TAUGHT. School class had been studying the Book of Daniel.

"Who saw the handwriting on the wall, Freddie?" asked the teacher.

"The landlord."

The reader of book reviews often notices how different reviews are upon one incident in a book and give it "unanimous" prominence. This is shown in the flood of reviews which have been written on Lord Curzon's book, "Tales of Travel."

A fascinating volume written by "a superior person," in which each reviewer quotes the meeting of Lord Curzon with Li Hung-chang. At the time Curzon was a plain Mister and younger than he is now, in fact the same age as the then German Kaiser. Here is the record of the dialogue.

Li Hung-chang: "The German Emperor, however, has six sons. How many have you?"

Curzon: "I have only recently been married, and I regret that so far I have none."

Li Hung-chang: "Then what have you been doing all this time?"

To this question I admit that I could not find, not even now can I suggest, an appropriate answer.

Chronicles ii., chapter xxii., states that Jehoram came to the throne aged thirty-two, and reigned eight years, and then died and was buried. He was followed by his youngest son, Ahaziah, who was forty-two years of age.

One point must still be greatly dark, the moving why they do it. And just as lamely, can you mark? How far perhaps they rue it.

Who made the heart, 'tis He alone Decidedly can try us; He knows each chord, its various tone, Each spring, its various bias.

Then at the balance let's be mute, We never can adjust it; What's done we partly may compute, But know not what's resisted.

BURNS.

WEATHER CALENDAR. NOVEMBER 30.

1602. It is a bitter cold frost to-day. Dined alone with my wife with great content.—*Feys.*

1579. Just now thejeks, the streets, the houses, the people, are all a dingy grey. There is neither light nor shade from morning to night.—*M. S. Holland.* London.

CHARACTER. Simplicity of character is the natural result of profound thought.

SHADOWS BEFORE. Coming Events, Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS. November 30.—Coronet Theatre, "Orphans of the Storm."

November 30.—Star Theatre, Richard Barthelmess in "The Love Flower."

November 30.—World Theatre, "The Man of the Forest."

November 30.—The Grand Theatre, Frank Mayo in "The Bolted Door."

December 1 to 8.—Star Theatre, A. Carpi presents The Italian Grand Opera Co.

December 3.—Theatre Royal, Piano Recital by Mr. Harry Ore, 9.15 p.m.

December 8-10-12-15.—Theatre Royal, Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club presents the famous Robot Play the "R.U.R." 9.15 p.m.

December 1.—Next Tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Assoc. 9.15 p.m. at the Theatre Royal.

December 1.—Hongkong Jockey Club's extra gymnastics King's Farewell Football match

at Soakung ground, 4 p.m. December 2.—The "Jasper Clark" challenge cup to be played for at Fanling.

December 9.—The Royal Hongkong Golf Club St. Andrew's v. St. George's match.

SOCIAL. December 1.—Dancing at Palace Hotel, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

December 3.—Lantern Lecture at Helena May Institute by Col. C. W. Davy, C.M.G., 5.30 p.m.

December 10.—Social evening and entertainment in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, 9 p.m.

BAZAAR. December 3.—Sale of Roses for the Poor of St. Vincent de Paul.

December 8.—Hongkong Women's Guild and M. C. L's Grand Fete and sale of work in the grounds of Government House, 2 p.m.

AUCTION. December 3.—Lammert Bros., miscellaneous goods, Sales Rooms, 11 a.m.

December 5.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, a valuable collection of postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

MEETING. December 12.—Hongkong Jockey Club, half-yearly general meeting, Hongkong Club Annex, 5 p.m.

December 18.—Extraordinary general meeting of the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., at 5, Queen's Road Central, Noon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL. Exchange on London is 2/34; on Shanghai 99 3/4.

Cricket Notes will be found in this issue of the China Mail.

For anyone who may not be aware of the fact, this is St. Andrew's Day.

Tientsin Harbour Notification No. 6, is to the effect that vessels arriving direct from Hongkong and Canton liable medical inspection.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Thorne have left Hongkong. Mr. Thorne's place as Commissioner of Customs is being filled by Mr. R.H.R. Wade, from Peking.

The Admiral Oriental Line is in receipt of the following cable from its Manila Agency:—644 29th November effective immediately small-pox vaccination required all crew and passengers arriving from Hongkong regulations same as before.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. The Craigmower Club is to hold a dance to-morrow evening.

Rev. J. T. Holman was a passenger on the outgoing "President McKinley."

H.E. the Governor is to attend the performance of "R. U. R." on Monday, December 10.

Mr. B.L. Frost, Mr. J. Bartholomew, and Major and Mrs. Tomlinson, were passengers on the incoming "Kalyan."

The China Mail regrets to learn that the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak is in hospital suffering from an attack of dengue fever with complications.

CANTON SITUATION. SUN WINS GROUND. BUT LOSES SUPPORTERS.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen's troops have retrieved the majority of their losses along the Kowloon-Canton railway. This is not the outcome of a victory on the field but the result of the collapse of the morale of Chan Kwong-ming's armies.

The latter lost heart when they hesitated within thirty miles of Canton and the news of the Yunnanese taking the field on Sun's side has brought about their disintegration. Each unit is now fast retreating eastwards towards Walchow, Swatow, Shannai and the Fukien border. Shiekling is already reported as clear of anti-Sun troops, the last report being that the Yunnanese arrived soon enough to prevent any serious looting.

By handing over both military and civil control to the Yunnanese command, Sun has lost the support of his Cantonese supporters.

General Hsu Shung-chi, his one time favourite commander is mentioned as having been sorely disappointed over not getting the Civil Governorship and the appointment of the Yunnan general over his head. He is said to have given up his command and left the province.

Other subordinates of Sun are reported as having sent in their resignations, these including the Civil Governor and other prominent administrative officials.

Popular opinion is now very much against Sun in Canton on account of the many levies made by Sun Fo, the Mayor, on the people. A few guilds have practically suspended business.

"SUNNY JIM."

"CHUN SANG" EPISODE

THIRD ENGINEER ASSAULTED.

NOT A GIRLS' SCHOOL.

"This is not a girls' school," the Marine Magistrate (Commander Beckwith) assured a Jardine skipper who figured as the complainant in a case heard before him this morning when three serious offences were alleged against a stoker employed on the s.s. "Chun Sang."

The accused was charged with assaulting the Third Engineer (Mr. E. Platon) and causing the ship to be placed in a dangerous position by neglecting his work.

Briefly outlining the facts, Mr. R. E. A. Webster, who appeared for the Master of the ship (Capt. Colin R. Moore) said that the affair occurred at 10 o'clock on the morning of November 11 while the "Chun Sang" was lying at the mouth of the Bangkok River. She had been there for about two hours with the result that the steam was a little "dead" and when the time came to move up the fast running stream it was necessary for the boilers to be fully stoked in order that the vessel could be properly manoeuvred.

The Third Engineer was on duty when the "Stand by" was rung down and he noticed that as soon as the steam cocks were operated the pressure gradually went down until it was below 120 lbs. Knowing that something was wrong he went down to the stokehold and found there was only one stoker on duty instead of two. Later on he found the missing man (the defendant) sitting by the foremast. He touched him on the shoulder and told him to go on duty. The defendant immediately turned around and kicked the Third Engineer who caught both the man's wrists and a struggle ensued in the course of which the stoker tripped and fell down with the stoker on top of him. At this moment the Chief Officer came on the scene and after trying unsuccessfully to separate them was himself attacked by the defendant. The Chief Officer finally struck the stoker, in self-defence, and the man was later reported to the Captain and placed in irons. When the ship reached Bangkok two hours later he was taken to the police station but the police did not wish to prosecute and so the Captain saw the British Consul who advised that proceedings should be taken at Hongkong. While the ship was in Bangkok the man was put into hospital and he was brought back to Hongkong under open arrest.

Mr. Webster added that during the voyage back to Hongkong the defendant was perfectly well behaved and docile. It seemed inexplicable why the assault took place and the opinion of the Captain was that he must have been affected by the heat. He had previously been of good character and the case had been brought for the purpose of bringing home to these men the necessity for carrying on their duty in a proper manner at such a dangerous moment.

The Third Engineer, Mr. Edward Platon, gave evidence to the effect that when he found the defendant on deck sitting on a barrel with his back against the foremast he said to him: "You get below, Sunny Jim." The man then turned round and kicked him. Witness then caught him by both hands and was hauling him along the alleyway to the Chief Engineer when he tripped and fell with the defendant on top of him. The man scratched and fought him until the Chief Officer came along and knocked him off.

As his boiler suit had been torn to shreds witness then went to his witness stand and while he was there the Chief Officer came and told him that the man was running up and down the alleyway with a spanner.

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Three charges.

CHINESE FIRE ON BRITISH GUNBOAT.

ATTACK REPULSED BY MACHINE-GUNS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KONGMOON, November 29.

H.M.S. "Robin" of the British West River gunboat flotilla was fired at by Chinese from the river banks when near Shiu Lam, a prosperous silk town in the delta not far from Kongmoon and Shek-ki, on Tuesday. The machine-guns on the gunboat were at once trained in the direction from which the fusillade came and the men on shore were repulsed shortly after fire was opened. Mr. Hilliard, the Customs Commissioner, was on board at the time, but fortunately, nobody was injured.

The attack was the outcome of the piracy of the Standard Oil Co.'s motor-boat "Erie" with about 2,000 cases of kerosene on board. Presumably had been brought to bear on the Canton authorities by the American Consul and it was broadly hinted in result that the steam was a little "dead" and when the time came to move up the fast running stream it was necessary for the boilers to be fully stoked in order that the vessel could be properly manoeuvred.

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DEFEATED TROOPS AND PRESS GANGS.

General Wang Ming-long, Sun's defeated commander in the South, has arrived here with his troops. Press-gangs are busy getting coolies for the Yung Kong front.

Captain More: This is the first time it has ever happened.

Commander Beckwith said that if the defendant had been an old servant who had had a touch of the sun he should have accepted it. Had he expressed any regret or shown himself sorry?

Captain More: No. Commander Beckwith: Are you perfectly sure the Third Engineer did not strike him—the man looks as if he had been run over.

Captain More: Yes. Commander Beckwith: Then you think the Chief Officer had dealt with him in such a way that he had room to change and while he was there the Chief Officer came and told him that the man was running up and down the alleyway with a spanner.

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RONDEAU.

St. Peter found it very hard To have his nest in Heaven marred By that disgusting, blatant bird That crowed (I quote the Holy Word) While he swapped stories with the Guard.

He felt his morning practice jarred, For not a saint would disregard The sally "Wasn't that the third St. Peter?"

But one day, when he'd just unbarr'd The Gate that closed the chicken-yard, St. Agnes at his shoulder purred, "Your bird's unique up here, I've heard, 'Pd love to see it. Here's my card."

St. Peter?

IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CABLES.

East Balfour defends the Singapore Naval base scheme.

Archimandrite Nicolai Grabiauskis has been murdered in his cell.

The price of silver has had upward and downward tendencies.

A new German Cabinet has been formed, identical almost with its predecessor.

The alleged run-running schooner "Tomako" is registered in the Bahamas and owned in Canada.

Cologne Separatists have been sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

The New Zealand Premier says that Free Trade is detrimental to the interests of Britain and the British people.

Germany's unemployed in the unoccupied area on November 15 was 1,250,000. In the occupied area the total is over 2,000,000.

The Financial Committee of the League of Nations has prepared a plan for the restoration of Hungary's finances.

The Conference of Ambassadors, it is unofficially stated, have demanded an apology from Germany for the recent molestation of the members of the Inter-Allied Control Commission.

Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Birkenhead are described as working overtime in their electioneering company in Lancashire. Lloyd George's speeches are being answered by Lord Birkenhead.

GENERAL.

A case of small-pox on a river steamer is reported.

The East Surrey regiment arrived this morning. They possess good sports teams.

Chinese are complaining of the "Loongang" blasting operations. Our representative's investigation will be found in this issue of the China Mail.

Our Kowloon Correspondent advises that H.M.S. "Robin" was fired on when near Shui Lam. Machine guns soon dispersed the "Soldiers" or pirates.

The Canton Gazette has made its appearance. It is announced that it is published purely as a private business concern. It avows its intention strictly to "keep out of politics and maintain an impartial attitude throughout."

Under an act of George the Fourth four men were sentenced to three months jail apiece at the Marine Court to-day for that they, being "suspected persons and reputed thieves" were found aboard a boat off the Harbour Office early yesterday morning with intent to commit a felony.

Mr. Leonardo D'Almada e Castro, Jr., the son of Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, solicitor, has been admitted a student of the Middle Temple for the purpose of being called to the Bar. In consequence of his record at the Hongkong University he was exempted from all examinations incident to his admission into the Middle Temple, and has entered Exeter College, Oxford, as a junior student instead of a freshman. Instead of having to remain at the Home University for four years, he will be able to take his degree (and LL.B. if he takes it up), also his Bar Final, in only two years.

SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC.

ALLEGED CASE ON STEAMER.

The China Mail is informed that a case of small-pox was discovered on the river steamer "Wing On" after that ship had left Hongkong on Wednesday. She is said to have put back into port with over one hundred passengers on board and to have gone into quarantine at Stonecutters. The patient is stated to be one of the Indian guards on board the ship.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per P. & O. s.s. "Saudan" Nov. 28—Mr. L. H. King, Mr. S. R. West, Mr. Sen Kim Mng.
Per P. & O. s.s. "Kalyan" Nov. 29—Mr. K. Suzuki, Mr. B. L. Frost, Master Agall Frost, Mr. E. Ross, Mr. W. J. Holdich, Mr. P. H. Holdsworth, Mr. J. Bartholomew, Mr. F. B. Marshall, Mrs. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hazell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Toovey, Mr. Ah Chong, Mr. Ah Zee, Miss L. Nikolai, Mr. E. R. Hopburn, Mrs. R. W. Bagot, Mr. W. C. Johnson, Mr. G. M. Pratt, Miss K. McLeod, Mr. F. E. Copplestone, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Mollith, Miss L. Hiron, Miss H. M. Kingston, Miss M. A. Edwards, Miss E. T. Edgar, Mr. E. E. Smith, Major and Mrs. Tomlinson.

ORPHANS OF THE STORM.

BEAUTIES OF GRIFFITH PICTURE.

D. W. Griffith's "Orphans of the Storm," based on the well-known stage play, "The Two Orphans," continues as the Mecca of popular interest at the Coronet Theatre where overflowing crowds daily express their delight by applause, laughter and tears. Among the crowds are not a few who saw this screen epic when the engagement first began, but come back to enjoy more of its beauties.

The canvas is so vast and the figures so numerous, colourful and interesting that the work improves on the second seeing. The gorgeous tapestry is most skillfully woven with the heart-stirring, the grotesque, the lovely and the comic side by side in harmonious wealth of detail. It is such detail, as well as the re-sought thrill, that causes "Orphans of the Storm" enthusiasts to come again and again.

Always predominantly remains the picture of Henriette and Louise, the loveliest bit of gear on the whole mighty canvas. The Misses Lillian and Dorothy Gish in these characters, Joseph Schildkraut as Henriette's lover, and Monte Blue as Henriette's rescuer in the famous cavalry ride, continue their great hits.

New material in the wild Carpathian dances and new fooling by Creighton Hale and Porter Strong in the comic roles add hugely to the mirth of the comic interludes.

THE ARMS EVIL.

SEIZURE ON THE "JADE."

During the routine search by police on board the coasting steamer "Jade" yesterday, prior to that vessel's departure for Pakhoi, a rather startling seizure of arms was made and this led to a case before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy this morning.

A Chinese passenger faced a charge of possession, without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police, of two automatic pistols and one revolver, all loaded, also two magazines. In evidence it was stated that a Chinese detective was going through the effects of about sixty passengers when he found the arms in the false bottom of a basket, which the police allege belongs to defendant. An application was made for defendant to be committed to the Sessions.

The s.s. "Jade" is a small steamer, flying the French flag, with a European captain but the officers and crew are Chinese.

DISINFECTING STATION FIND. Also before Mr. Wood this morning, Detective Sub-Inspector Reynolds made an application for the confiscation of some arms seized in the blacksmith's shop at the Kowloon Disinfecting Station some time ago. They comprised three revolvers, one automatic, sixty-three rounds of ammunition and twenty-eight blank cartridges.

It is stated that previous to the seizure the police had issued a warrant for the blacksmith's arrest but he had absconded.

ADMIRAL FROCHOT.

OFFICIAL VISITS MADE THIS MORNING.

The French flag-ship "Jules Ferry," with Admiral Frochot, the Commander-in-Chief of the French Squadron in the Far East, on board, arrived in harbour yesterday morning.

Yesterday official visits were exchanged with H.M.S. "Tamar." This morning H.M.S. "Hawkins" with Admiral Sir Arthur C. Leveson, K.C.B., British Commander-in-Chief, China Station, arrived here from Shanghai. The French Admiral went on board the "Hawkins," to pay his respects to Sir Arthur shortly after 9.15. The visit was returned at noon.

At 10 o'clock this morning, Admiral Frochot landed at Murray Pier, where he was met by the French Consul-General, Mons. Paul Kremer, and Captain Neville, R.M.L.L., A.D.C. to H. E. the Governor.

A guard-of-honour, from the King's with band, under command of Capt. W. J. O'Brien, M.C., with Lieut. C. J. Bailey, M.M., carrying the Colours, was drawn up in front of the pier. After inspecting the guard, Admiral Frochot, his staff and the French Consul, in company with Captain Neville, were driven to Government House to call upon H. E. Governor. A visit was then paid to the G. O. C.'s Headquarters to call upon General Sir John Fowler.

RUGGER RAGGINGS.

(By SCHIMMAGE.)

Where's the Army? Lost, stolen or strayed? I have made enquiries but no one seems to have heard of them. Yet I seem to recognise faces about the streets that used to be known on the game. Let me see—Cross, Bingham, Davies, Tisdall, White Tomlinson, Dods, Hewitt, Le Fleming—these people are still in the Colony, aren't they? Is no one going to do anything? What's wrong? Possibly the tea dances are too much of a strain to allow of time being given to such things as the Army's Rugger. Or is there any truth in the rumour that some sort of Garrison Ping Pong Club have taken command of all games and decided that Rugger is too strenuous for delicate lads?

It is possible that my remarks are not in the best of taste Mr. Editor, but rudeness often gets things done. Are there no Senior Officers who will realise that Army Rugger is a thing with tradition behind it? Or shall I have to eventually use these columns to teach them a little of what Army sides have done. I seem to remember having a battle or two against the R.M.C. myself.

Come on, Army, buck up! What about collaring the Cup this year? Thinking over the last Navy v. Club Match, I have begun to wonder if the Navy were really at full strength. I suppose they were. I am looking forward to that first Cup Tie on December 22nd. Nangle struck me as being the outstanding player for the Navy on the last occasion but what struck me more than anything was the change in Campbell. This player did not seem nearly as efficient as in previous seasons—made a very poor show in fact. What was it Campbell—old age—that fall in the first five minutes or swelled head? Perhaps a combination of the three. Menzies was playing a hard game forward as usual but the man I liked was the tall forward with fair hair—I don't know his name.

Is there a game on Saturday? No news of one yet! Come along Mr. Team Secretary! Get busy!

No news is yet to hand in reply to the following questions:—Who are the Club selection Committee?

Where is the fixture list? When is the next game? What is the team? What is happening in connection with the rumoured Interport?

Loud cheers! It is only Thursday morning and I am in possession of information which tells me that there will be a match on Saturday next. Nothing that the chit announcing this and giving details of the team was signed B. J. Jordain. I rang this gentleman up having jumped to the conclusion that he was doing the job of Team Secretary. I was informed however that he sends particulars of the team to the papers immediately they are shown but there he finishes. Come along, you fellows: What about a little organization?

Here is the team—Prowse, Logan, Cleland, Easterbrook, Skinner, Clerk and Bowler. Adams, Andrews, Miller, Leo, Jones, Groves, Jordain, Forsyth. Prowse at Full Back is a bit of a departure but I have seen the gentleman kick very well. King, I notice, is absent this week—a pity. I was looking forward to seeing him again. The "Threes" I think should develop into a very useful combination if they keep my remarks in view regarding developing offensive tactics—remember offence is often the best defence. So we are to see Bowler out again. I am pleased at that. It doesn't do for the vice-captain to be absent too long. The forwards look quite useful. Ralston, I see, will be absent—resting a wrist I believe. Jones, I am pleased to see about again—a fast and hardworking forward. Where is Day these times?

I take it that the "Ambrose" will get a little outside help and am looking forward to a good game. The Naval team is not to hand as yet but, in view of the fact that I am closing these notes for this week, it will be published in another column "if" it arrives.

Well, play hard you lads and remember that I can forgive almost anything excepting slackness; so if you do not wish to be "Ragged" put your heart into it. St. Andrews the night before will cut no ice with me.

EXTRADITION CASE.

ECHO OF SINGAPORE MURDER.

An application for a Chinese to be extradited to Singapore where he is "wanted" on a charge of murder, was made before Mr. J. R. Wood yesterday.

Defendant was arrested on a B.I. steamer on its arrival on November 13. He was among the steerage passengers and was pointed out by an informer who had also travelled on the ship. It appears that a Chinese who gave evidence at a recent Singapore murder trial, had himself been murdered and it is alleged that the fugitive was responsible for his death.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per C.P.S. s.s. "Empress of Russia" on November 30:—Dams A. Anderson, D.B.E., Mrs. Au Shoo, Mr. J. Ahmann, Mr. A. Polshenko, Major G. W. Black, Mr. Evelyn, Mr. Chan Shun Kuan, Mr. Chan Shun Sen, Mr. Chang Kam Chuan, Mr. E. Carpenter, Mr. W. M. Cheng, Mrs. K. M. Cheng, Mr. Chan Shun Sing, Mrs. Chan, Mrs. A. P. Daley, Misses M. L. Daley, Mr. Dang Kin Ping, Mr. J. Hanlon, Mr. J. J. Keery, Mr. A. Fiorentino, Mr. W. C. Forsyth, Mr. G. V. Gemberling, Miss Bernice Graham, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Grant, Masters M. A. Grant, Mr. J. E. Graham, Mr. F. Goodell, Mr. C. Heintzen, Mr. C. Heniquet, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Holmes, Mr. Bo Chung Shing, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hoff, Dr. Anna Johnston, Mr. A. Kovalsky, Mr. I. K. Kwan, Mr. Lam Men, Mr. Liao Chung Tai, Mr. and Mrs. Lo Boon, Mrs. Loo, Mrs. E. Laurel, Masters S. Lau, Miss S. Laurol, Mr. Sumin Li, Mr. E. J. McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. McComber, Mr. E. H. McComber, Mr. W. B. McComber, Mr. T. D. McLean, Mr. F. H. Murray, Miss M. Murray, Miss A. C. Nibbelina, Mr. O. Y. K. Yoon, Mr. J. Park, Mr. and Mrs. Pui Pak, Mr. O. Shu, Mr. J. Shiel, Mr. W. M. Skimming, Mr. A. Stark, Mr. F. D. Sutherland, Mr. Tam Ting Fan, Mr. and Mrs. Chorlton Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Trollet, Mr. A. Wachler, Mr. Wong Han Chee, Mr. S. B. Wong, Dr. Wong Choom Ming, Mr. Yiang So, Mr. T. Yoshida, Mr. S. Yamaguchi, Mr. Yue Sung.

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"KALYAN"	9,118	30th Nov. 12th Dec.	MASSILLON, London & Antwerp.
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"DIVA YEA"	8,092	14th Dec.	MASSILLON, London & Antwerp.
"KAISAR-HIND"	11,430	28th Dec.	S'pore, Penang, Colpo & Bombay.
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"KHIVA"	9,097	12th Jan.	MASSILLON, London & Antwerp.
"MACHDONIA"	11,088	30th Jan.	MASSILLON, London & Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	8,690	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colpo & Bombay.
"MORRA"	10,011	22nd Feb.	MASSILLON, London & Antwerp.
"KARNATA"	8,092	28th Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Colpo & Bombay.
"NADDERA"	10,011	2nd Apr.	MASSILLON, London & Antwerp.
"KHIVDER"	8,092	18th Apr.	S'pore, Penang, Colpo & Bombay.
"CHINA"	9,118	22nd May	MASSILLON, London & Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	8,092	17th May	S'pore, Penang, Colpo & Bombay.
"KARNIR"	9,097	21st May	MASSILLON, London & Antwerp.
"KHIVA"	9,097	21st May	MASSILLON, London & Antwerp.

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S. R.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TANDA"	8,690	8th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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S. R.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"EASTERN"	4,000	5th Dec. at 11.00 a.m.	Mailla, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ANAFURA"	8,000	14th Jan.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	28th Feb.	do.

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S. R.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"KHIVA"	9,097	2nd Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe.
"MACHDONIA"	11,088	14th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,690	22nd Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe.
"MORRA"	10,011	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe.
"KARNATA"	8,092	2nd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe.
"NADDERA"	10,011	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe.
"KHIVDER"	8,092	22nd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe.
"CHINA"	9,118	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe.
"KALYAN"	8,092	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe.
"KARNIR"	9,097	18th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,097	18th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe.

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1st Saloon Passengers may travel by R.I.S.N. Company's steamers between Singapore and Calcutta or Singapore and Madras in lieu of the section of 1st class to Calcutta or Madras.
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ST. ANDREW'S BALL.

CITY HALL FESTIVITY.

Under the able supervision of Mr. "George" Duncan, without whose artistic touch no St. Andrew's Ball could be completely successful, the City Hall is gradually being converted into a fairyland fit for the celebration of the "night of nights."

For all Scotchmen in Hong Kong, the City Hall is once again the chief place of assembly and what lies within those portals it shall be left to to-night's revellers to discover for themselves. This much may be said without betraying secrets, that in and about the dancing halls the motif appears very similar to last year's but it is in the arrangement of the theatre, and more particularly the theatre stage, for the supper that the decorators have excelled themselves.

But while Mr. Duncan and his army of helpers have been trying with more success than one would have thought possible, to make the City Hall look beautiful another very busy section under the experienced direction of Mr. "Dave" Hardy has been seeking to it that the "sincerity" is established on a sufficiently firm basis adequately to maintain the reputation of Scots' hospitality. And hovering around it all like an elderly Ariel, now solving this problem and answering that query, is Mr. D. K. Blair, the genial honorary secretary of St. Andrew's Society and the presiding genius of to-night's celebration.

The officials responsible for the general ball arrangements are:-
General Committee.-Messrs. R. Sutherland (President), J. Reid (Vice-President), R. Shewan, J. W. C. Bonnar, R. M. Dyer, G. M. Young, A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen (Past President), G. Hogg, W. Nicholson, J. B. Ross, Dr. C. Forsyth, and Messrs. A. K. Henderson, T. S. B. Nicoll (Hon. Treasurer) and D. K. Blair (Hon. Secretary).

Installation Committee.-General Committee along with Messrs. W. Nicholson (Convener), K. E. Greig, J. McCormack, P. Tod, W. Adamson, A. Murdoch, D. Gov. B. Wylie and A. H. Ferguson.

Dancing and Music Committee.-Mr. W. Armstrong (Convener), and Messrs. A. K. Henderson, J. B. Ross, L. M. Whyte, F. M. Crawford, George Hogg, D. C. Logan, W. Brown, A. B. Stewart, D. Keith, J. D. Kinnaird, R. G. McEwen, Neil Drummond, W. Hyde, P. D. Wilson, A. G. Simpson, M. C. T. Tallon, F. G. Walker, W. Galloway, Stewart Hope, A. McEwen and J. Bartholomew.

Ladies' Cloak Room Committee.-Dr. C. Forsyth (Convener), Mr. R. Macgregor, Dr. J. C. Dalmahey Allan and Dr. J. C. Macgowan.

Supper and Wines Committee.-Mr. D. Harvey (Convener), Dr. J. A. Urquhart, Dr. Morrison and Messrs. A. S. MacKichan, J. W. Paton, D. Lyle, A. Davidson, R. M. Macpherson, J. M. Jack, T. Oliphant, McFarlane, T. Neave, T. Petrie, R. Hunter, J. Hyde, D. McMurray, J. W. R. McPhail, A. M. F. Simpson, W. Brown, G. B. Dunnett, W. G. Lawson, Mr. S. T. Williamson, J. H. Scott, T. G. Patterson, T. S. Morrison and P. W. Ramsay.

Decorations Committee.-Mr. George Duncan (Convener) and Messrs. A. B. Ramsay, J. Simpson, D. Keith, O. F. Savage, G. Murray and R. M. Henderson.

Card Room Committee.-Mr. D. Templeton (Convener), and Messrs. B. Wylie, H. W. Macpherson, P. T. Furell, G. M. Shaw, N. G. Wilson and W. Logan.

Honorary Pipes and Drummers.-The Pipe Band of the Scottish Company of the H.K.V.D.C.: Pipe Major J. B. Ross, Pipe Opl. T. Tallon, Pipers R. G. McEwen, A. Grant Simpson, M. C. P. Douglas Wilson, Neil Drummond, Adam Gray, A. Ferguson, A. McEwen and E. H. B. O'Farrell.

Drummers.-Drummers Wilson Brown, W. Smith, George Duncan, Junr., W. Forsyth, A. Duncan, G. A. Jack and R. L. Bell.

Dance Programme.-The programme of dances will be:-
Extra. Waltz.....Good-night.
1. Lancers.....Amelia.
2. Fox Trot.....I want see to my Mamma every Night.
3. Caledonians.....Caledonians.
4. One Step.....Blue Boy.
5. Eightsome.....De'll among the Tailors.
6. Waltz.....I'm just a little blue.
7. Fox Trot.....My Sweetie's gone away.
8. Strathspey.....Marquis of Huntly and Reel of Tulloch.
9. Fox Trot.....Silver Canoe.
10. Waltz.....Nelly-Kelly.
11. Fox Trot.....Marchetta.
12. One Step.....Cur' yourself a piece of Cake.
13. Fox Trot.....Stella.
14. Caledonians.....Caledonians.
15. Fox Trot.....Will you always love Me.
16. Eightsome.....De'll among the Tailors.
17. One Step.....Kentucky U.S.S.
18. Waltz.....After Every Party.
19. Strathspey.....Marquis of Huntly and Reel of Tulloch.
20. Fox Trot.....Yes: We have no Bananas.
21. One Step.....Other Lips.
22. Fox Trot.....Bambalina.
Extra. Fox Trot.....Sneezing.

The Menu.-The menu for to-night is as follows:-
"Some fine meat and canna' eat, And some wad eat that want it; But we hae meat and we can eat, And see the Lord be thankit."

1. Consomme en Tasse
2. Oxtail Soup 3. Soured Fish
4. Fish Salad 5. Roast Turkey
6. Roast Capon 7. Roast Game
8. Roast Leg of Lamb
9. Roast Sirloin of Beef
10. Corned Pressed Beef
11. York Ham 12. Corned Tongue
13. Veal and Ham Pies
14. HAGGIS
"Fair fa' your honest sonsie face, Great chieftain o' the puddin' race, A bonn then a' ye tak your place."

15. Gelatine of Chicken
16. Assorted Fresh Salad
17. Assorted French Pastries
"Freedom and whisky gang together, Tak' aff your dram."

18. Macedone of Fruit
19. Apple Pie
20. Stewed Fruit and Custard
21. Ice Meringues
22. Vanilla Ice Cream
23. Scotch Shortbread

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

VESSELS DU

FROM BANGKOK.

Dec. 4.-E. A. Banta, 10.-E. A. Banta.

FROM SINGAPORE.

Dec. 8.-U.S.S.R. West Matwah.

FROM FATA.

Dec. 4.-J.C.L. Tjartrem.

FROM MANILA.

Dec. 8.-U.S.S.R. West Matwah.

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STRATTS and Calcutta KUTSANG Mon. 3rd Dec. 3 p.m.

SHANGHAI via Swatow KWONGSANG Sun. 2nd Dec. 7 a.m.

HAIPHONG via Hanoi CHIP-HING Sun. 2nd Dec. 7 a.m.

BAKOK via Swatow CHONGSANG Sun. 2nd Dec. 10 a.m.

THONGKAI via Swatow and SHANGHAI FOSHING Wed. 4th Dec. 7 a.m.

SHANGHAI via Swatow MAUANG Wed. 4th Dec. 1 p.m.

SHANGHAI via Swatow TAIANG Fri. 7th Dec. 7 a.m.

Kobe via SHANGHAI HOANG Sat. 8th Dec. 7 a.m.

HAIPHONG via Hanoi YUENSANG Sat. 8th Dec. 10 a.m.

SHANGHAI via Swatow YUENSANG Sat. 8th Dec. 7 a.m.

Kobe via MOI FOKSANG Fri. 14th Dec. 7 a.m.

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NOTES AND COMMENT.

LEAGUE POSITION TO DATE.

Two matches in the senior division and three in the junior were played off in the cricket league last Saturday. In the first league, two of the teams considered to be in the running for premier honours were opposed to two of the weaker teams and expectations were fulfilled. Not so in the second league. Kowloon 2nd dismissed the undefeated Engineers for a paltry 69 and their supporters thought that the time had come for the leaders' colours to be lowered. Hopes were dashed to the ground when the home team were dismissed for 32, which is equal to the smallest innings played in the league this season. Then on the Club ground, the Civil Service juniors gained a rather unexpected victory with the aid of falling light, of which more anon. The Indian 2nd team had an easy task against the Chinese who fielded ten men, and completed a double for their club by winning while the seniors bagged the points at Causeway Bay.

With the University first eleven having played two matches, their men are now qualified for the list of league averages. By making the highest score in league cricket this season, A. A. Rumjahn, who finished second to Owen Hughes of the Club last year, has dismissed Arculli at the head of the batting. O. Small still has the biggest aggregate in the first league and also improved his average by a "not out" innings. Changes have also to be recorded in the junior batting list. By hitting up 67 not out, O. Rumjahn has jumped to the top of the list. Redpath, by getting out for a "duck" has dropped to third place. He has also lost the biggest aggregate, which is now held by Harper of Civil Service, thanks to a sound, if slow, 41 made last Saturday. With the Club bowlers not engaged in a league match on Saturday last, Lammer and Bowker remain at the head of the senior bowling averages. The Rev. E. Quick, who usually went on first change last season, has annexed third place as the result of two good analyses. A. el Arculli, the Indian skipper, still has the most "scalps" to his credit in the first league and Sara maintains his enormous lead in the second. Excellent figures by several Kowloon junior bowlers have extended the second league howling list and Sirdar Khan moves up on the strength of some freak figures. Griffin of the Club 2nd is included for the first time.

The league averages follow:—

BATTING.

FIRST DIVISION.

	No. of Innings	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
A. A. Rumjahn (U.)	2	110	154	77.00
A. el Arculli (I.)	4	34	71	17.75
Sayer (C.S.)	2	107	112	56.00
Hett (U.)	2	56	56	28.00
More (H.K.)	2	97	97	48.50
O. Small (I.)	5	39	164	32.80
Balhetcher (U.)	2	74	76	38.00
Quick (U.)	2	23	34	17.00
De Rome (C.S.)	2	52	63	31.50
S. H. Ismail (I.)	5	50	153	30.60
A. E. Wood (C.S.)	2	45	61	30.50
Ramsay (K.)	2	29	56	28.00
Sutherland (C.S.)	2	44	52	26.00
Duncan (K.)	2	25	26	13.00
Ng Sze-kwong (C.R.)	4	47	87	21.75
J. S. Curran (L.)	3	41	62	20.66

SECOND DIVISION.

	No. of Innings	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
O. Rumjahn (L.)	5	67	174	58.00
A. K. Mackenzie (H.K.)	2	106	106	53.00
Redpath (R.E.)	5	95	207	51.75
Harper (C.S.)	6	60	227	44.50
Hagen (H.K.)	2	47	79	39.50
H.D. Rumjahn (I.)	3	65	71	35.50
Nash (R.A.M.C.)	4	59	126	31.50
Gardie (R.E.)	4	36	129	32.25
Mark (H.K.)	3	53	80	26.66
Walker (R.A.M.C.)	4	44	104	26.00
Cockell (R.E.)	4	39	103	25.75
Piercy (H.K.)	2	40	47	23.50
Holman (H.K.)	3	49	70	23.33
S. H. Ismail (I.)	2	49	70	23.50
W. H. Mather (I.)	2	50	105	26.00
O'Brien (C.S.)	2	40	40	20.00

— denotes "not out."

BOWLING.

FIRST DIVISION.

	Wickets	Average
Lammer (H.K.)	10	3.70
Bowker (H.K.)	8	4.75
Quick (U.)	9	5.00
Hett (U.)	3	6.66
Sayer (C.S.)	10	7.00
A. el Arculli (L.)	19	8.05
A. H. Madar (I.)	9	8.22
U. M. Omar (I.)	13	9.85
W. Hung (C.R.)	6	10.00
Balhetcher (U.)	5	10.00
Earnshaw (K.)	2	11.50

SECOND DIVISION.

	Wickets	Average
Middleton (R.E.)	13	5.15
Percy (R.A.M.C.)	4	5.25
A. E. B. Rawn (K.)	4	5.25
Griffin (H.K.)	9	6.37
Petheram (K.)	9	6.78
Fraser (K.)	5	7.20
Winter (R.E.)	7	8.00
Sirdar Khan (I.)	16	8.37
Redpath (R.E.)	14	8.43
Sara (C.S.)	35	8.51
Nash (R.A.M.C.)	18	9.17
Reid (H.K.)	8	10.25
E. A. Moosdeen (I.)	10	10.30
Laing (U.)	10	10.30
H.D. Rumjahn (I.)	9	11.00
Mark (H.K.)	12	11.58
Balchin (R.A.M.C.)	4	11.75

LEAGUE RECORDS THIS SEASON.

Highest Individual Score: 1st division, A. A. Rumjahn (University) 110; 2nd division, A. K. Mackenzie (H.K.C.C.) 106.

Most wickets in an innings: 1st division, Sayer (Civil Service) 7 wickets for 23 runs in 9.1 overs (1 maiden) and Quick (University) 7 wickets for 23 runs in 12 overs (3 maidens); 2nd division, Sara (Civil Service) 8 wickets for 35 runs in 11.3 overs and Laing (University) 8 wickets for 25 runs in 15.5 overs (7 maidens).

Biggest Aggregate: 1st division, O. Small (Indians) 164; 2nd division, Harper (Civil Service) 227 runs.

Most wickets to date: 1st division, A. el Arculli (Indians) 19; 2nd division, Sara (Civil Service) 35.

Biggest Innings to date: 1st division, Civil Service 212 for 6 (declared) against C.R.C.; 2nd division, H.K.C.C. 2nd XI 232 against H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

Smallest Innings to date: 1st division, R.G.A. 41 against H.K.C.C.; 2nd division, C.R.C. 32 against R.E. and Kowloon 2nd XI 32 against R.E.

Slow batting characterised the Indians v. Chinese first league match at Causeway Bay. Ching, who has not been up to his form at all this season, gave the small crowd a taste of what he could do, carrying out his bat for 34. Further evidence of the Indians' collective bowling strength, if such be necessary, was forthcoming as only four of the bowlers were called upon, the only change being made when Ching made a stand with M. K. Lo. However, F. M. el Arculli and A. H. Madar were not found wanting as they finished off the innings with no difficulty. The Indians' innings was another illustration of a statement that the side is composed of eleven batsmen. Somebody generally comes along to make the runs when others have failed. The two Ismails (O. and S. H.) have very consistent figures so far, the former's being 39, 18, 33, 36 and 38 not out while the latter has 50, 3, 14, 41 and 45 to his credit.

It would be idle to pretend that the Gunners have a semblance of a team which could be compared with that which won the league a few years back or even last year's eleven. Master Gunner Rough is the only steady bowler in the team but he is not sufficiently backed up in the field to be able to take wickets as often as could be desired. The other bowlers are very expensive and seldom dangerous. At their present strength, the Gunners would be hard put to it in a match against either of the military teams in the second division. On the Varsity side, it will be noticed that the Pokfulam eleven will have to rely mainly on the men who carried the side through last season when

Although the R. E.'s have established a commanding lead in the second division, they can still be overhauled but the chances seem very remote as, except for a batting fail, they have a well-balanced team. Meanwhile the others are having a rare set-to for second place which the Civil Service occupy by virtue of having played more matches than the others.

—W. P. C.

CHARITY FETE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
FUNCTION.

Arrangements are far advanced for the annual Charity Fete and Bazaar at Government House, organised by the Hongkong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League. As usual, H.E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs have placed the grounds of Government House at the disposal of the organisers; also part of Government House itself, for the Ball Room is to be converted into a cinematograph theatre. The arrangements this year have been varied in some respects: tea will be served on the tennis courts instead of on the lawn. Entrance and exit facilities have also been improved. The only entrance this year will be by the motor drive opposite the gate of the Botanical Gardens, and the police authorities have undertaken to close Upper Albert Road to motor traffic for the period of the fete so that this entrance, which will be far more convenient, may be used in safety. Using the outer, main road, motor traffic will also have a free course.

Although the fete retains its principal features, several new attractions will be included this year, and it is hoped that the large amount raised for women's and children's charities last year may even be exceeded on this occasion.

"R. U. R."

THE COMING A.D.C. PRODUCTION.

Carel Capek, the H. G. Wells of Czechoslovakia, introduces us in his new play, "R.U.R.", to a race of men-machines made by synthetic chemistry, and known as Rossum's Universal Robots, for which phrase the initials of the title stand. These Robots, made by man in his own image, do all the work of the world while humanity takes it easy and has a good time. But presently there arises among the Robots one of superior make, named Radius, in whom a sense of discontent develops. He becomes their "agitator" and under his leadership, like Frankenstein's monster, they turn and rend their human tyrants.

This play is to be produced by the Hongkong A.D.C. on December 8th, 10th, 12th and 15th. We learn that the production is making excellent progress and has exceeded even the most sanguine hopes. It promises to be one of the most original and startling of the A.D.C.'s many presentations. Booking is at the Anderson Music Company (opposite Wiseman's) and is going strong.

they won the championship. Balhetcher's improvement as a batsman will be very welcome to them, while the work in the field can only be described as exemplary.

For the first time this year, the Sappers were not full of runs, although the state of the Kowloon wicket must have had something to do with it. The R. E. have now beaten the C.R.C., I.R.C., University, Civil Service and Kowloon, all away from home. This Saturday they are down to meet the Navy on the Military ground. While they have been winning match after match, their rivals have been beating one another, thus helping to increase their lead. They will now want a lot of beating before they can lose the lead.

The Club juniors lost to Civil Service on their own ground. With out wishing to belittle their opponents' victory, I must say that the Club were in no way disgraced and went down fighting. Credit must be given to their policy of playing for a win no matter the time or the light. They could have easily tried for a draw but they decided to try and pass the visitors' total. As commented on by my colleague "Argus," Grimmett was difficult to see towards the end of the game and this must have contributed to the Club's defeat. The Civil Service batting was again dependent on Harper who has been wonderfully consistent in league games. He has come off in every match except the first of the season, against the R.A.M.C. and his record is 5, 42 not out, 60, 42, 37 and 41. Although the Civil Service juniors have dropped a number of points, they have done much better than last year when they occupied the bottom rung for the better part of the season.

Little comment is needed for the Indians v. Chinese junior match at Soekumpoo. For once in a while, H. D. Rumjahn did not shine either as batsman or bowler. O. Rumjahn's score is the second best not out in league he has compiled on successive Saturdays.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

YELLOW.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I have read your editorial of November 26 "Receipts" and lifting up the masquerade of newspaper unindivisibility lurking in its foreground, the indirect insult refers to me. I now re-iterate your verse:

"To a gentleman with feet.
A simple cake of yellow soap
A bath with room to roll
A towel, a bathmat, 'labelled
'Hope'
And, to complete the whole
A microscope
To see your soul."

The cake of "yellow soap" refers to a community. The gentleman does not have to use "yellow soap" because it is evident that streaks of "Yellow" are sometimes found in the core of "White."

However, I need a towel as you say, labelled "Hope," the hope that I shall some day see, eradicated from our midst, the sinister hints and non-de-plume correspondence, poems and articles containing hidden insults which cannot be exposed for the reason that their contributors have resorted to the simple expedient of indirectness.

And yet we look up to the PRESS as an oracle of sagacity and upright wisdom which, while arrogating to itself the cognomen of "Defender of the Oppressed," time after time publishes news—the real import of which, is hidden in a thin opacity of twisted words, skillfully directed to make the oppressed more oppressed. But it is my hope that these unavailing habits will soon be extirpated from that PRESS which calls itself the VOX POPULI for getting the VOX DELI.

As for the microscope to see the Soul, you can give them as a Xmas present to your Tennyson and Shakespeare who dabbled more in immortality than I ever did in a whole week of Sundays. I refer you, Sir, specially to Tennyson's IN MEMORIAM.

Prescribe for me "Yellow Soap" if you like but it is high time that I express the inarticulate sentiment that heaves in the breast of all those supposed to be "Yellow" for the contempt you have shown us in your PRESS and in every walk of your business and social lives. Virile blood courses through our veins like yours; the same joys and sorrows you are akin to, are susceptible to us also. Is it our fault or dishonour to have been born "Yellow" as you think?—NO!

Some members of your community relish nothing better than mud-slinging at another community in an unpalatable newspaper sort of way such as omission of names, places, etc.—All within the border of newspaper rights, but carrying in its wake odious messages of class-repugnance.

For an instance, an Englishman-journalist who came here only recently, discoursing with me in the PRESS on a political topic immediately made reference to a subject which had nothing whatever to do with the theme under discussion. He said "We have the spectacle here in Hongkong of a foreign community making demands upon the Government for educational facilities towards which they contribute little or nothing."

Another gentleman in the same controversy signing only his initials said in part also that a certain community was conniving at the evils of opium-smoking in the twentieth century. This particular gentleman is a British subject from India and although he did not disclose his identity or nationality he must not forget that the piercing eyes of truth "Revealeth all things."

He also confessed ignorance of the topic under review and his knowledge of plain English being also deplorable his participation was ridiculous. The only reason for his initiation into the argument is therefore evident. I repeat that his knowledge of English is deplorable and if he has any doubts about it he can ask the Editor of the paper for that part of my correspondence which was deleted he will find for his delectation, an enumeration of his grammatical short-comings.

For the benefit of all members of your community whose limitations of understanding are curbed, let me point out that there is no such thing as 100 per cent. pure-bloodedness in any one nation; not even the King of Great Britain is 100 per cent. British.

Reverting to that community who has so often formed the target for your tirades let me say that their sons are true sons of Hongkong and their nation, for although "Expatriated" and born "South tropic skies" they are typical of their race who has from time immemorial been a race of migratory people.

You can say I am raving but as a general rule all exponents of truth are and have you forgotten this line of Shakespeare? 'Tis a mad world, my masters?—It shall prove a refreshing reading if some of you people were to peruse the "Codigo de Bon Tom" or Goethe's "Moral." These are also "Receipts."

I cannot resent your personal admonitions or the racial discrimination which the natural product of every race but your contempt and "Yellow" insult in INFERA DIG and incompatible with the ethics of British solidarity.

Many a time I have witnessed the good works of a certain community most dear to me, unmodified by same indirect insults and hints, and let me assure you, Mr. Editor, that although I have been a journalist in many places here in the Far East, nowhere as in Hongkong is snobbery and class-distinction so rampant, and I, as a newspaperman have seen the unwarranted haste with which some people rush into print at the slightest uncalculated occasion, to hurl insults at one of the most progressive communities of Hongkong.

If I have now caused agitation, I am confident that a real and permanent calm can only supersede a storm, as I have been taught by your Carlyle.

You may question my authority, so let me say that I was prompted to write this out of purely impartial motives and of my own volition. I have no special appendix to my name and am not an old wiseacre or an incensed journalist. Far from it, I now review your "Yellow" insult in pity for the dilemma you have stirred for yourself.

I do not wish to create inimical feelings but if I can echo a resounding keynote of reflection in all who read this, I shall be more than amply compensated.

Perhaps you will say that this is a distorted imagination. You can say so because all your insults as I have stated before, are hidden behind a mask of thin, veneer and indirect newspaper phraseology. But all these sham-truths are nauseating at least to me who for an education have read your Milton, Byron, Tennyson and Shakespeare whom are rarely understood by many of your own countrymen.

I, a nobody and therefore, not conspicuous in your lists of valedictorians, have the greatest regard for your British people and your British Colonial Government which is so often criticised in your PRESS. But have you ever seen fit to criticise yourselves; the cheap sarcasm, un-British humour and discharge of greenery that emanate from your columns so often?

Reverting again to that community I was referring to, let me recall to the minds of all my readers the following vivid lines from Zona Gale, the distinguished American writer, entitled COSMOPOLITE:

Not wholly this or that
But wrought
Of alien blood am I,
A product of the interplay
Of travelled hearts
Estranged, yet not estranged
I stand
All comprehending
From my estate
I view earth's frail dilemma
Scion of infused strength am I,
All understanding
Nor this nor that
Contains me.

With these words I shall once and for all disperse that CONSCIOUSNESS of British opinion regarding that diminutive community.

In conclusion I wish to apologise for all candidness and misinterpretations of your editorial (if any exists). Also for all inconveniences and whether you publish this letter or not is of no particular importance as far as I am concerned because there is still the freedom of the PRESS in Hongkong and I shall avail myself of its facilities to the limit.

Yours, etc.,

H. M. SILVA.

1, Gordon Terrace, Kowloon.

[Mr. Silva fancies the China Mail has insulted him and the community to which he belongs. This is absurd. Quite apart from the China Mail's well-known attitude concerning the most wilful could take the words "yellow soap" in the verse above to refer to a community. Mr. Silva's outburst is therefore utterly fatuous in so far as it refers to this paper.]

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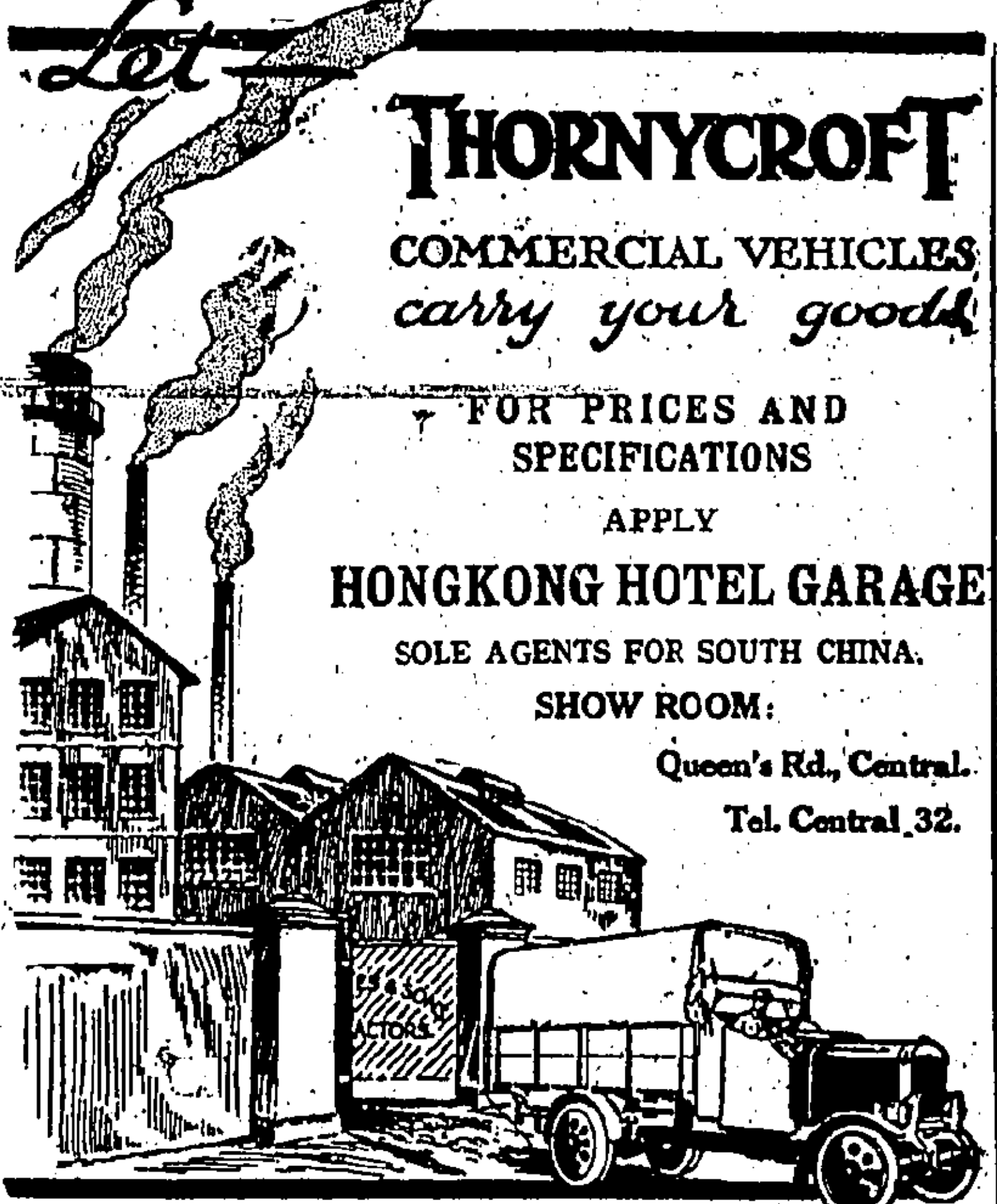
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HONGKONG S.P.C.A.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

RESUME OF WORK DONE.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held last evening, in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. The Hon. Mr. H.E. Pollock, K.C., presided.

The Chairman, in the course of his speech, said:—Much has been done towards the improvement of the conditions of animals and birds of all sorts—but very much still remains to be done. Progress is being made in the work of instructing the Chinese in the humane treatment of animals and birds—and prosecution is only resorted to in what appears to be a bad case of cruelty, and usually only after warning. In the outlying districts more instruction is badly needed. I myself, have witnessed, at Shek O, kids being skinned while yet alive. We need more Inspectors, which necessarily means more funds.

The thanks of the Society are due to Inspector Fisher for the diligent way in which he has performed his duties during the past year.

Many sites have been visited and plans discussed, for the building of a Dogs' Home but unfortunately the possibility of carrying out the scheme has fallen through, owing to a misunderstanding as to the amount of money which Lady Clara Ho Tung was prepared to put up for the purpose. We are now hoping that she may be willing to give a sum of money instead to the general funds of the Society. What we need is a home on a suitable site convenient for the public to visit with a view of recovering lost dogs—or buying a dog—and, if possible, where dogs could be kept and cared for while their owners are away from the Colony.

The present Dogs' Home is a few minutes walk beyond the Polo Ground, on the same side of the road, and anyone losing a dog would do well to apply there as well as to the Police. There are also dogs for sale there, which have to be shot unless homes are found them. Unfortunately the site of the present Home has been sold and the Government will accordingly have to build a Home elsewhere.

Through the generosity of Mr. M. J. Patell we are now able to supply the dogs at the Home with food free of cost to the Society.

LETHAL CHAMBERS.
A Lethal Chamber, with observation windows and electric light, has recently been constructed by Mr. E. R. Dovey for the Society, at the Government Laboratory (near the Government Civil Hospital), and he has kindly taken charge of it. In this way dogs and cats can be put to rest painlessly and speedily. An appointment should be made with Mr. Dovey by telephone No. 54.

EXPORT OF CATS TO CANTON.
Few people realise how many cats are shipped out of the Colony, and under what conditions. Three boats leave for Canton every evening and each takes its load of cats—packed into crates so tightly that in many cases there is no possibility of their moving without struggling and fighting. Cats are domestic animals, and many of those shipped away may be their own lost pets enticed from their homes by cat catches. One does not care to think of them as human food.

IMPORT OF PIGS AND CATTLE.
The conditions of the Pig trade are indeed deplorable from beginning to end. At the port from which they are shipped they are dumped into crates of split bamboo which cut into the flesh. They are next loaded on board a steamer where the crates are piled, tiers upon tiers, and for several days they remain in this cramped position without food or water, and without being able to move, and on arrival here they are dumped from the steamer into junks, and from junks are again dumped on to some landing wharf. There, with the aid of bamboo, they are forced out of their crates—most of them with cuts and injuries from the sharp edges of the crates—many of them in an exhausted and distressed condition from thirst and suffering from cramp and in some instances broken legs. Those that can walk are driven up to the slaughter house and those that, for various reasons, cannot walk are carried on rattan mats. Having witnessed the landing of pigs at West Point, I am speaking from personal knowledge and can assure you that it is not a humane exhibition. What we hope for in the future is to have a general landing place at Kennedy Town, where cattle and pigs and other animals can walk ashore along a gangway instead of being slung up and dumped into junks. In the meanwhile it is possible for means to be adopted of alleviating some of the unnecessary suffering. Rounded rattan crates, as used in the Straits Settlements, should be substituted for the split bamboo. Canvas slings for discharging cattle, sheep and goats should take the place of ropes round the horns and bodies which cause unnecessary fear, distress and pain. Once again, I am thankful to be able to tell

you that the Government are enquiring into the conditions of import of live-stock into the Colony and we hope shortly to hear that Regulations have been made to minimise cruelty as far as possible. (Applause.)

NEEDED LEGISLATION.

H.E. the Governor has kindly procured for us a copy of the Ceylon Laws relating to cruelty to animals. We hope shortly to submit to the Government a measure dealing with the whole question comprehensively, because it will obviously be of great advantage not only for our Society but also for the general public to have our S.P.C.A. laws consolidated so far as possible into one Ordinance and one set of Regulations. Some steps in regard to which legislation is necessary have been already referred to, such as the export of cats to Canton, the unsuitable nature of the present crates for pigs, and the present method of landing cattle. Other steps in regard to which legislation is desirable are:—

(1) The granting to our Inspectors power to go aboard ships for S.P.C.A. purposes only. At present they can only board ships through the courtesy of the ships' officers.

(2) The definition of certain acts as being punishable acts of cruelty.

(3) We want to make provision for a standard basket or baskets to be adopted for the transport of chickens.

(4) We also desire to make it more clear than at present that certain regulations for the feeding of and giving of water to animals and the necessary equipment for them on a sea voyage apply to such animals when they are being imported as well as to them when they are being exported.

ACCOUNTS.

We require two assistant inspectors at least to assist Inspector Fisher in the varied work which has to be performed in this Colony over a wide area.

With a view to increasing our funds we shall be suggesting presently at the extraordinary general meeting, to be held at the close of this meeting, that whilst our members continue to pay \$2 per annum as heretofore there shall be instituted a new class of members, to be called donating members, whose subscription will be \$5 instead of \$2 per annum. The next item of our accounts, subscriptions and donations includes \$1,000 from the Jockey Club, and \$500 from Lady Chater and on the same side of the account you will notice a donation by Mr. M. J. Patell of \$300 for food at the Dogs' Home. These generous gifts are most highly appreciated by us.

The Chairman then moved the adoption of the report. This was seconded by Mr. F. H. Dillon and carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:—The Hon. Mr. H.E. Pollock, President; Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Vice-President; Mr. B. L. Frost, Hon. Secretary; Mr. O. Skinner, Hon. Treasurer.

The following members were elected to serve on the general committee:—Mrs. Baker, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. C. C. Boyd, Mr. A. Dyer Ball, the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son, Mr. E. R. Dovey, Mrs. De Martin, Mr. F. A. Davidson, M.R.C., V.S., Mr. F. H. Dillon, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Miss Frost, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mrs. Hyland, Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, Mr. F. J. McCarthy, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. Kwok Siu-lai, Mr. Y. P. Law, Mr. Li Wing-kwong, Capt. Oxspring, R.A.V.C., Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Quarles Van Ufford, Mrs. Remington, Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto, Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. S. W. Tso, Mrs. P. P. Wodehouse, Dr. Williams, and Mrs. Harry Woods.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING.

At the conclusion of the annual meeting an extraordinary general meeting of the Society was held for the purpose of amending Nos. 4, 5 and 9 of the Society's Rules. The amendments were passed without discussion. By the amendment to rule 5 the President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer become *ex-officio* members of the general committee. Rule 9 was substituted by the following: "Any person may become a member of the Society by paying to the Hon. Treasurer an annual subscription of \$2 (Two dollars), or a Donating Member by paying an annual subscription of \$5 (Five dollars), or a Life Member on payment of a sum of not less than \$50 (Fifty dollars). To every such person the Hon. Treasurer will issue a Card of Membership." The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, on the proposition of Mr. J. P. Braga.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

All preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and other events, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each. (As announced in May and June of 1922) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

THE EAST SURREYS.

ARRIVAL OF RELIEFS FOR KING'S.

The crowds that assembled in front of the Prince of Wales Gate this morning to watch the East Surreys played into barracks were doomed to disappointment. The King's band was engaged on duty with the guard-of-honour for the French Admiral Frobot, while the instruments of the new band were packed up.

The troopship a.s. "Derbyshire," with the new regiment on board, under command of Major R. C. Campbell (Lieut.-Col. C. C. G. Ashton, O.B.E., the C.O., will arrive later) was alongside the Naval Dockyard shortly after 8.30 this morning.

The advance party was soon disembarked and marched off to take over the barracks.

Shortly after the boat arrived, the G.O.C. the Hon. Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., accompanied by his staff officers, Lieut.-Colonel W. N. Nicholson, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.A.A. and Quarter-Master General, Colonel Blake, C.M.G., D.S.O., Major H. J. Wright, Capt. Hammy, A.F.C., and other officers of the 2nd Bn. King's, Lieut.-Colonel Orpen-Sanders, R.G.A., Major E. S. Halford, Hongkong-Singapore R.G.A., Lieut.-Colonel R. A. Butterworth, Major White, D.S.O., R.A.S.C. and a number of other officers went on board to welcome the newcomers.

The troops were disembarked by noon and were marched off, company at a time, to barracks.

THE NEWCOMERS.

WHO THEY ARE.

The East Surrey Regiment, whose badge consists of the united red and white roses, has a distinguished record. Its battle honours include:— Gibraltar, (1704-5); Dettingen, Martinière, (1794); Talavera, Guadalupe, (1810); Albuera, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nivelle, Nive, Othea, Peninsula, Cabool, (1842); Moodkee, Ferozeshah, Aliwal, Sobraon, Sevastopol, Taku Forts, New Zealand, Afghanistan, (1878-79); Suakin (1885); Relief of Ladysmith, South Africa (1899-1902). The regiment also served during the Great War.

OFFICERS.

Lieut.-Col. C. C. G. Ashton, O.B.E., commands the 1st Battalion of the East Surreys and has with him the following officers:—

Major R. S. S. Patton.

Captains J. F. Drake, G. E. Gorton, M.C., G. H. W. Rowe, W. G. Kent and C. E. Lugard.

Lieuts. W. G. Kennedy, M.C., C. D. Armstrong, M.C., P. H. Drake-Brockman, D. J. Allfree, C. J. Yeo, A. L. Sutton, M.C., A. E. Cottam, M.C. and V. W. Richards.

2nd Lieuts. E. A. S. Cope and L. W. Pendred, D. A. Searle and D. V. H. Buckle.

Adjutant: Captain A. E. Cottam, M.C.

Quartermaster: G. W. H. Rowe, R.S.M. W. Maynard.

The East Surreys have the reputation of being a very sporting regiment and are said to have a useful cricket team. As regards football, the soccer eleven is reported to be above the average of regimental teams, so that the King's can hand over the remaining games in the Hongkong Football League, with the certain knowledge that their good lead will not have been in vain.

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PERISHABLE?

CHESTNUTS AND GINGER.

CARGO QUERY ANSWERED.

Earlier in the week the Chinese master of the Wuchow steamer "Wo Kwai" was charged with working cargo on Sunday without a permit and it was proved that chestnuts and ginger were unloaded from his ship. He pleaded that they were perishable goods which he was entitled by custom to unload and the Marine Magistrate (Commander Beckwith R.N.) decided to refer the case to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for their opinion on this point.

This morning Commander Beckwith announced that the Chamber had informed him that they considered green chestnuts and green ginger were perishable goods within the meaning of the act—that was to say, if they were kept in the hold or 'tween decks of a ship for an extra 24 hours the quality of the goods would gradually deteriorate.

Instructing the police to make a note of this, the Magistrate dismissed the case, remarking that it did not, of course, refer to firewood which would, he supposed, be the next thing brought.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE.

From NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"KILCREEDANE"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 3rd December, 1923, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 10th December, 1923, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 3rd December, 1923, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

THE BANK LINE LTD., General Agents.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1923.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO. LTD.

COPENHAGEN.

The M/S

"MALAYA"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 6th of December, 1923, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 6th December, 1923, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned before the 8th of December, 1923, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th November, 1923.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"MUNCASTER CASTLE"

From NEW YORK

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 24th inst.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 9th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th inst. at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1923.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"DUCHESSA D'AOSTA"

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI,

PORT SAID, MASSAUA, ADEN,

COLOMBO, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 27th inst.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd prox., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd prox. at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1923.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

THE Steamship

"PREUSSEN"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD., whence and/or from the Wharves, delivery can be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after 3rd December, 1923, will be subject to rent.

All Claims must reach us by 10th December, 1923, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas (Marine Surveyors) at 10 a.m. on the 3rd December, 1923.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ARNHOLD & CO. LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1923.

VOTING CONTEST.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

POPULAR CHRISTIAN NAMES.

This week we give the third stage of our boys' names contest—another list of twenty names. Write them out in their correct order and win our \$50 prize. Other lists will follow each week, including girls' names. After these lists have all been decided, still further contests will be held to decide the finals. For each event every week we will give our usual \$50 prize. Someone must win! Why not you?

Twenty Christian names are given below. Select the ten you consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice. These out the form out and send it to the "China Mail" office marked "Vote."

The list which comes nearest the correct solution will win the prize. The correct solution will be decided by the general vote, the item polling the most votes being placed first, the one coming next being placed second, and so on until the list of ten is completed.

Therefore the secret of the contest is Not to select the ten most popular items in alphabetical order from our list. But to select the ten most popular names from our list and judge what place each individually will occupy—which will come first, which second, and so on until all ten have been placed.

The contest lasts from Monday to Saturday. The result will be announced in the "China Mail" on the succeeding Wednesday, when the winner's name will be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "China Mail" contains one form giving the reader one try for the prize. Regular readers thus have not less than six tries in one week. Competitors may send in as many forms as they like.

Forms should be sent in to the "China Mail" by Monday. Any forms received by the "China Mail" later than Monday will be discounted. When making your choice use only the words given below. Any forms wrongly marked, mutilated, or indistinctly written will be ruled out. The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final. Members of the "China Mail" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we give twenty Christian names.

Select the ten you think the most popular.

- 1... Archibald
- 2... Benjamin
- 3... Claude
- 4... Cyril
- 5... Douglas
- 6... Edwin
- 7... Ernest
- 8... Frederick
- 9... Gilbert
- 10... Harold
- 11... James
- 12... Leonard
- 13... Norman
- 14... Patrick
- 15... Peter
- 16... Reginald
- 17... Roger
- 18... Stanley
- 19... Timothy
- 20... Wilfred

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor
China Mail, Hongkong, November 30, 1923.
Hongkong.

Sir,
I consider the following the ten most popular Christian names from the above list, placed in the order in which I think they are liked best:—

Please write clearly in block letters.

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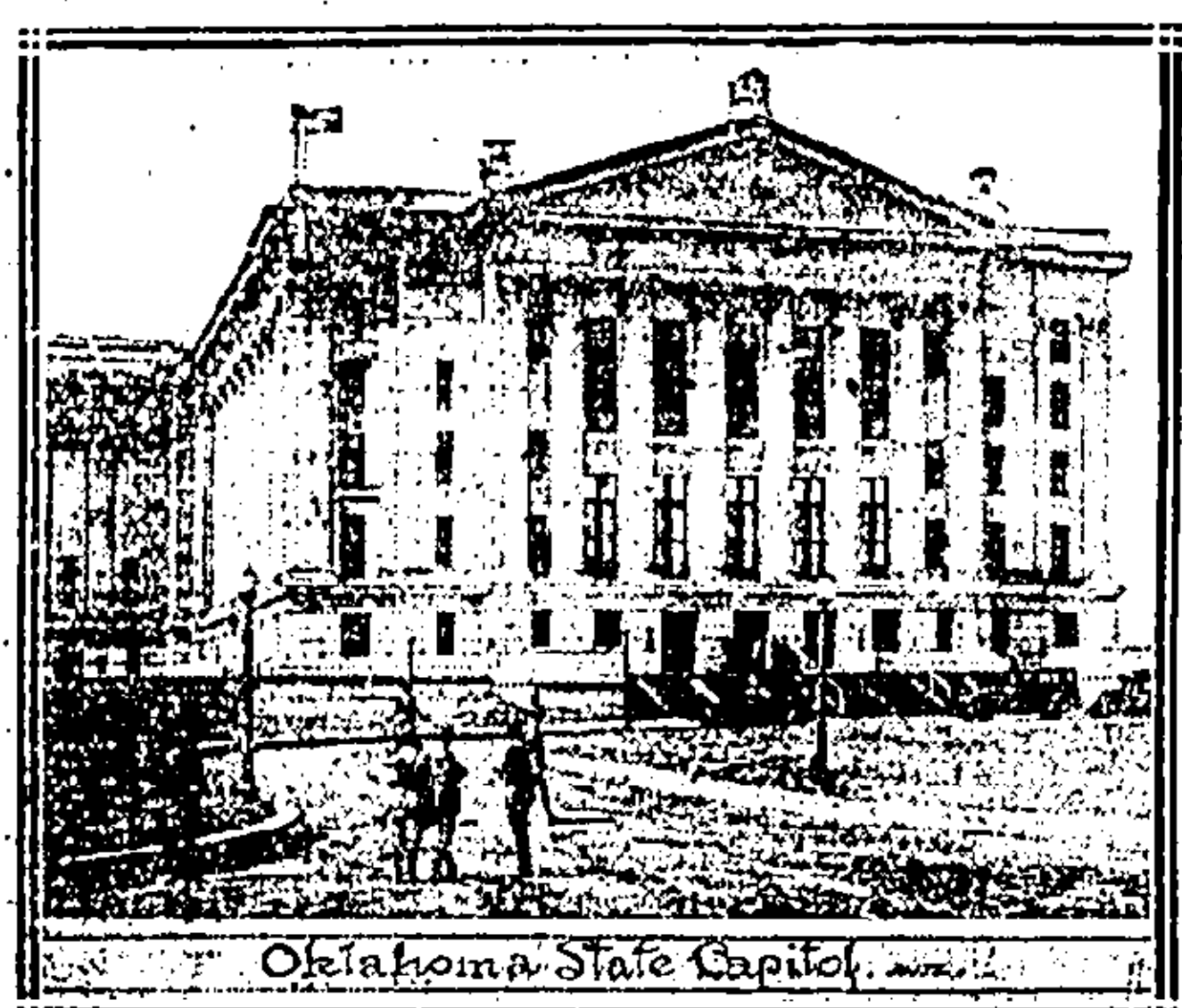
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Next Week—Girls' Names.

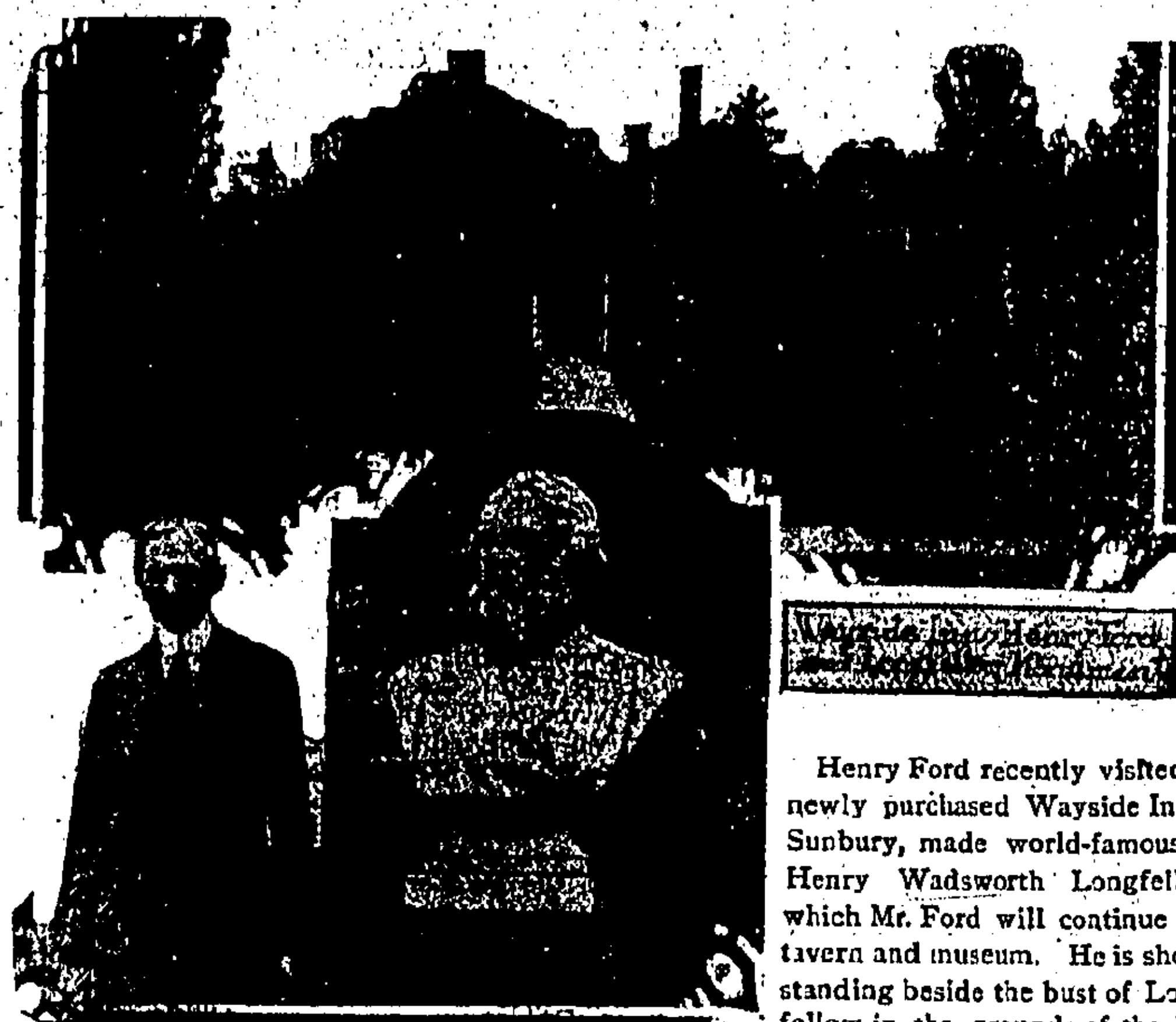


Baron Renfrew, the Cowboy

Here is an exclusive photograph, snapped by a correspondent of the International News Service, of the Prince of Wales, who, under the title of "Baron Renfrew," was at his EP Ranch, at High River, Alberta, Canada. The picture was made as the Prince set out for the cattle ranges, with his own cowboys, to ride herd at the annual round-up. "Baron Renfrew" has already been appointed "Chief Morning Star" by the Stony Indians on the Morley Reservation.



In his war on the Ku Klux Klan, Governor J. C. Walton has surrounded the beautiful State Capital, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with soldiers to prevent the State Legislature from convening and attempting to impeach him.



Henry Ford recently visited his newly purchased Wayside Inn, at Sunbury, made world-famous by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, which Mr. Ford will continue as a tavern and museum. He is shown standing beside the bust of Longfellow in the grounds of the Inn.



Mrs. G.G. Webb

Who has died by poisoning, so it is alleged.



Above: Sam J. Wardell, Mrs. Jessie Blenner and Capt. H.L. Jones. Below: Mr. & Mrs. H.R. Mills and child and Mrs. J.P. Cowley and John Connolly.

The Pacific Mail liner "President Pierce" which reached San Francisco from Yokohama, brought 53 survivors of the Japanese disaster. In piloting his ship into Yokohama Bay, Captain H. L. Jones passed through scores of bodies in the water. He took refugees on board, applied medical treatment and sent ashore all the supplies he could spare for relief. H. R. Mills, of Chicago, returned with his wife and child and told of seeing 500 Japanese workers crushed to death in Tokio in the collapse of a big concrete building. Mrs. J. P. Cowley, whose husband is employed in the Imperial Hotel, Tokio, brought with her little John Connolly, whose parents were killed in Tokio and who will be cared for by relatives in America. Mrs. Cowley was in the seventh story of the new Marunouchi Building, in Tokio, and rushed downstairs amid a panic-stricken mob before the building collapsed. Sam J. Wardell, of Nashville, Tenn., United States Vice Consul at Yokohama has returned, a nervous wreck, as a result of the collapse of the consulate, killing many of his friends and fellow workers. He fled to a park, three blocks away, after sinking into many crevices opened by the quake. He saw thousands burned to death. Her fellow survivors told of the heroic work of nursing done by Miss Jessie Blenner, of Washington, D. C., who was touring Japan at the time of the disaster.



King Alfonso and Gen. de Rivera

Above is shown the first posed photograph of King Alfonso of Spain and the new Military Dictator of the nation, General Primo de Rivera, who has assumed complete control of Spain as the result of a military coup d'etat.

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